



Smithtown Central School District

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*The Guidance Dept.
Presents:*

***College Admissions
Testing Information
September 26, 2024***

<https://www.smithtown.k12.ny.us/Departments/Guidance>

AGENDA

- PSAT
- Advanced Placement Exams
- Ryan Foley, Adelphi University
- Tom Ehlers, Method Test Prep

PSAT

- The PSAT is 2 hours and 14 minutes long. It tests skills in Reading/Writing, and Math. The highest score possible on the PSAT is 1520.
- All 10th graders are eligible to sit for the PSAT for practice purposes only.
- The PSAT/NMSQT® (or Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is a preliminary version of the SAT. All 11th grade students should take the PSAT to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

How do I register for the PSAT?

- Registration– Through September 27th at 3pm.
- Where to Register – On district website, under parent link, Parent Resources, School Pay.
- Cost - \$37.00
- Accepts debit or credit cards
- Your receipt is your admission ticket
- Student brings admission ticket, **SCSD issued chromebook**, photo ID, approved calculator, and sharpened No. 2 pencils

Digital PSAT and SAT

- College Board made the transition to the digital SAT at U.S. schools and test centers in spring of 2024
- All students will take the digital PSAT/NMSQT this year
- The digital SAT will still be administered in a school or in a test center with a proctor present—not at home
- The SAT will be scored on the same 1600 scale
- Total allotted time will be 2 hours 14 minutes (64-Verbal & 70 Math) down from 3 hours

Advanced Placement Exams

- AP exams are college-level tests administered by the College Board (makers of the SAT). Students may take tests in one or more subjects; a comprehensive list of all available AP courses and tests are available at collegeboard.org.
- Final scores are on a five-point scale. The highest score a student can receive is a 5 (extremely well-qualified); the lowest is a 1 (no recommendation).
- The fee for each exam is approximately \$99.00 and is administered in May. Communicate with your child's teacher directly for registration options.

AP Capstone Research-(NYS English)

AP Capstone Seminar-(NYS English)

AP Capstone is a diploma program being offered by the College Board designed to equip students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. According to the College Board website, it “cultivates curious, independent, and collaborative scholars and prepares them to make logical, evidence-based decisions.” The AP Capstone courses consist of AP Capstone Seminar (grade 11) and AP Capstone Research (grade 12) offered through the English department. The cost per exam - \$147.00

Why Take Advanced Placement Course?

- Improve writing skills and problem solving techniques.
- Develop study habits for rigorous coursework at the college level.
- Demonstrate maturity and readiness for college.
- Students can earn college credits or advanced standing at some colleges and universities.
- Students who take an AP course and sit for the exam will receive 1 additional quality point weighting to their GPA in that course

Students with Disabilities

- College Board and ACT require a separate process for testing accommodations for students with disabilities.
- College Board application is called SSD and is completed by student's primary teacher as early as 9th grade. If your child has a 504, please contact your child's counselor directly.
- ACT application is called ACT Extended Time National Testing and ACT Special Testing.
- Testing accommodations from College Board and ACT are **not guaranteed**. The testing company determines eligibility.

Ryan Foley

Adelphi University

- How do colleges use testing scores for admissions purposes? For scholarships?
- What are test optional schools?
- How do colleges use AP Scores?
- Do colleges prefer SAT or ACT scores?

Tom Ehlers Method Test Prep Achieving Success on SAT & ACT

